

OEM/911 COMMITTEE
April 26, 2017
NOON
SANGAMON COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH CENTER

PRESENT: Tony Delgiorno, Tim Krell, Craig Hall, Jeff Thomas, Lori Williams

Others: David Butt, Dick Rentschler, Matt Broche, and Andrea Miller

Visitors: Brian McFadden and Chief Todd Masterhan of Sherman

David Mendenhall called the April meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Member Lori made a motion to approve the March minutes with the small correction. Member Tim second. Motion carried. Passed by all.

Department Update Reports:

OEM Report: David stated that last month he talked about the Emergency Plan being complete and how there was a scheduled date of April 6th to get it submitted and that was done as scheduled. It is being reviewed. It is something mandated by administrated code every 2 years. Also during the month of April is the month following the end of the fiscal quarter. There are two grants that supports OEM. One of the grants was initiated before the State adopted something called Grant Administration Transparency Act. With that, the State really put there thumb down on agencies that they had to adhere to all the federal requirements. They put out a new application. David filled out the new mended application and it got approved within 24 hours. Lastly, David mentioned that last week he was in Rockford for a hazardous materials conference. This conference was granted supported. David had 2 other LEPC members join him. The topic was pipeline safety. It was 12 hour training, 8 hours of classroom setting, speakers etc. and the last 4 hours was a tabletop exercise on a pipeline disaster at the airport in Rockford.

Rescue Squad Report: Bill Russell reported that the missing body was found in Lake Springfield. One of the divers found him about 30 feet off the dock. Bill also stated he is retiring from OEM and Chief of the Rescue Squad on June 30th.

SCCDS Report: Director Dodson presented the monthly SCCDS report. Please see attachment. No questions were asked.

Radio Update: Rich advised the board that there have been 3 major issues this month, one being a page but no voice. Wireless USA started checking equipment and headsets, and they finally narrowed it down to where they thought it was the console problem and totally replaced the components in the console. It seemed to help the problem but then the very next day the same thing occurred again. Discovered it was an electrical device called the voter card. The voter determines the strength of the signal coming in. They found it there and think that solved the problem. The other thing, Rich got a call from Williamsville and they could not get out on their portable radios. Rich and Chief Masterhan went out and did the test in the field, reported to Wireless, they went to the Sherman site receiver and found the problem in a device called the multi coupler, that's a device that allows one antenna to be use by three radio receivers they fixed that and supposedly that issue has been repaired also. The third one is the email problem with "I AM Responding". The problem is now in New Worlds hands. The problem has been going on for 6 months. New World is usually very slow with getting stuff done so hopefully we can get a local fix until they get it complete.

New Business: Mr. McFadden talked to the board about reorganizing the organization. They used a company called Fiscal Choice Consulting. This new structure would be OEM would now be under the direction of the Director of ETSD & SCCDS. Please see attachment of the Organizational Options Report. Lori made a motion to move forward on the organizational options. Jeff second. Motion carried. Passed by all.

Old Business: None

Public Comments: Chief Masterhan spoke for a moment about the radio system and how when the system was first brought online in 2012, the system was steadily going upwards in service and within the last 6 months it has almost gone straight downhill. We keep losing corporal radio communication, sometimes can't even get through on mobile radios. Chief Masterhan stated that if changes aren't made we are going to get someone killed. We need to be able to communicate with our mobile radios and if they aren't working its hard. It isn't continuous all the time. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. Todd's hope is that we can get some funding in place and get a better radio system in place.

Approval of Bill Requisitions: Member Jeff made a motion to approve the bills. Member Hall second. Motion carried. Passed by all.

Next Meeting:

May 31, 2017 at Noon

Next County Board Meeting

May 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm

There was no further business to discuss. Member Hall made a motion to adjourn at 12:58 pm. Member Jeff second. Motion carried. Passed by all.